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PROCESS AND PRODUCTION LINE FOR MANUFACTURING ULTRATHIN HOT ROLLED STRIPS BASED ON THE THIN SLAB TECHNIQUE

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8.		An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).				
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